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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to honor the administration and
4 staff of the "A Place for Me" not-for-profit foundation for
5 their work in providing services to families and support for
6 children affected by autism; and

7 WHEREAS, "A Place for Me" was founded by Elaine
8 Reeves-Haywood in June of 2002; with very few resources or
9 information available in her community to insure a good
10 education, after school programs, recreation, or summer
11 programs for her son, who is autistic, she created the
12 foundation in order to help provide the tools, programs, and
13 services that her son and other children with autism could
14 benefit from; and

15 WHEREAS, The goal of the "A Place for Me" foundation is to
16 provide services to families and support for the children
17 affected by autism through numerous methods, including support
18 for ongoing parent/child issues, the voicing of concerns for
19 autism related issues, the availability of the foundation as a
20 community resource, training and support on various autism
21 related topics, educational assistance to regular and special
22 education students, assisting with the creation and
23 utilization of visual supports to enhance the learning style of

1 students, the use of social stories and role playing for
2 teaching social concepts, and increasing awareness of the
3 various laws and the rights of parents; and

4 WHEREAS, "A Place for Me" has put forth great time and
5 effort in raising awareness of autism within their community
6 through education workshops, IEP support, and individual
7 parent training sessions with visual aids; the foundation has
8 also sponsored family outings to promote awareness, widen the
9 inclusion and social interaction of autistic children, and to
10 create environments where autistic children can feel
11 comfortable; the foundation has also made a long-term goal to
12 have a community center that will provide for after school
13 programs, social skills programs, and a site where workshops
14 for parents can be conducted; and

15 WHEREAS, The work that Elaine Reeves-Haywood and the "A
16 Place for Me" foundation have done to raise awareness of autism
17 and to ensure that these afflicted children have the education
18 and care that they deserve is worthy of the greatest respect;
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
21 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
22 honor the administration and staff of the "A Place for Me"
23 not-for-profit foundation for their work and wish them

1 continued success in their future endeavors; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to Elaine Reeves-Haywood as a symbol of our esteem
4 and respect.